

Application No. 10/612,331  
Amendment dated Dec. 20, 2007  
Reply to Notice of Allowance of Sep. 25, 2007

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Submitted herewith are ten (10) sheets of replacement drawings, collectively comprising Figures 1 through 7A, which are to be substituted for the ten (10) sheets of original drawings as filed, also collectively comprising Figures 1 through 7A.

Attachment:     10 Replacement Sheets of Formal Drawings  
                  10 Annotated Sheets of Drawings

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due having a mail date of September 25, 2007.

Submitted herewith are ten (10) sheets of formal drawings which serve as replacement sheets and which are to be substituted for the ten (10) sheets of drawings as originally filed with this application. Care was taken not to add any new subject matter in the formalization of Figures 1 through 7A collectively represented in the replacement sheets of drawings.

Applicant also takes note of the Examiner's Amendment set forth in detail on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability accompanying the above noted Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the conscientious review of this portion of the specification and the changes to the specification attended to by the noted Examiner's Amendment.

Under the provisions under Rule 312, it is respectfully requested that new, formal drawings be entered into this application in substitution for the original, informal drawings. The formal drawings submitted herewith are in compliance with formal procedure dictated by U.S. Patent Office practice and procedure and include a duplicate of the informal drawings submitted with the application as filed and as amended during the

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prosecution of the subject application.

Submission of the drawings under Rule 312 is believed to be permissible since no additional searching or other significant amount of time will be required of the Examiner in the review and entering of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX